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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazumi OHTAKE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1725

Application No.: 10/761,226

Examiner: K. LIN

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Docket No.: 118392

For: METHOD OF DIE CASTING SPHEROIDAL GRAPHITE CAST IRON

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the November 28, 2005 Office Action and the February 21, 2006 personal interview, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Lin to Applicants' representative during the February 21, 2006 personal interview. The personal interview is summarized below and thus constitutes Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over either JP 56-86645 (JP '645) or JP 2-165859 (JP '859) in view of JP 59-110455 (JP '455). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Neither JP '645, JP '859 nor JP '455 discloses or suggests a method of die-casting with the combination of steps recited in claim 1.

JP '645 discloses reducing the chill depth of a die-casted iron and obtaining a good chill preventing effect by coating a die with a particular coat (Abstract). Although JP '645